HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 3100 Macomb Street, NW Agenda

Landmark: Tregaron (the Causeway) X Denial Calendar

X Permit

Meeting Date: September 28, 2017 X Alteration

Steve Callcott

H.P.A. Number: 17-615 X New Construction

Demolition Subdivision

The Washington International School (WIS) seeks permit review for excavation and related site work associated with construction of a science and technology classroom building on its Tregaron campus in Cleveland Park.

On June 22, 2017, following a hearing in May, the Board voted 6-0 that the concept proposal for the classroom building was incompatible with the character of the landmark. The Board concurred with the findings in the HPO report, and specifically cited the height, mass and relationship to the edge of the hillside, rather than the architectural vocabulary, as incompatible.

The permit is being sought to allow the applicants to request a hearing by the Mayor's Agent, as is procedurally required by the preservation law and regulations.

Recommendation

Staff Reviewer:

The HPO recommends that the Review Board find that issuance of a permit for excavation and site work related to the construction of the classroom building is inconsistent with the purposes of the preservation act for the reasons cited in its review of the concept application.